

EDITORS' REPORT FOR VOLUME 56

We are pleased to report the publication of this volume of *Madroño* by the California Botanical Society (CBS) in 2009. The journal is continuing to work towards a timelier rate of publication with turnaround time in the past year having averaged six months. As always, we are extremely grateful to all the individuals who serve as reviewers and contribute to the quality of the articles.

This year we received 36 new manuscripts and 35 were accepted for publication. Several manuscripts were also carried over from the previous year. The current volume includes 28 articles (including Notes), five new taxa, 18 Noteworthy Collections, and three Book Reviews. There was a mix of systematic and ecological manuscripts

submitted. Many of the systematic manuscripts incorporated current molecular techniques and data as well as cutting edge data analysis methods. It is notable that manuscripts reporting taxa new to science are being submitted on a regular basis.

As Editors, we have enjoyed our interactions with contributors and reviewers this past year and look forward to another year of continuing the long and distinguished tradition in botanical publication represented by *Madroño*.

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